GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS
LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Super Bazar, Kendriya Bhandar and NCCF are selling stationery and other items to Government Departments under an order issued by Department of Personnel and Training in 1981 and whether that Department is not monitoring the proper implementation of the order but have left the same to respective Ministries under which the agencies fall;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether serious irregularities have come to the notice of the Government through the Members of Parliament;

(d) if so, the action taken in this regard; and

(e) the procedure adopted by these agencies to fix margin of profit to the suppliers as well as to the Super Bazar, NCCF and Kendriya Bhandar?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING AND DEPARTMENT OF PENSION AND PENSIONERS` WELFARE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SMT. VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a) & (b): The Department of Personnel and Training issued an Office Memorandum in 1981 (which was subsequently amended) which enabled the Government Departments/Offices to buy stationery and other items from Kendriya Bhandar, Super Bazar and NCCF in relaxation of the procedures laid down in `General Financial Rules`. Purchases are made by each Ministry/Department independently from these three agencies and no monitoring by the Department of Personnel and Training in this regard is required.

(c) & (d): Complaints have been received from time to time from various sources including the Members of Parliament against these cooperatives alleging corruption, irregularities and unfair trade practices etc. on their part. These are investigated by the respective Vigilance Units in these organisations. The Department of Personnel and Training has also issued instructions to make quality and price control more effective in these organisations.

(e): All decisions in regard to the purchase of various items, margin of profit therefor and sales price thereof are taken by these approved agencies on commercial considerations.